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IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

10/32. (New) An integrated circuit comprising:
a plurality of surface structures, each of the surface structures having a top surface;
an inner plug formed between a pair of surface structures among the plurality of surface structures, and formed under the top surface of each surface structure of the pair of surface structures;
an inner electrical contact formed on the inner plug;
a pair of outer plugs, each outer plug of the pair of outer plugs having an upper portion formed over at least a portion of the top surface of one surface structure of the pair of surface structures; and
a pair of spacers formed between the pair of outer plugs and the inner plug and the inner electrical contact.

11/33. (New) The integrated circuit of claim 32, further comprising an isolation layer formed around the inner electrical contact, the isolation layer being formed from insulating material.

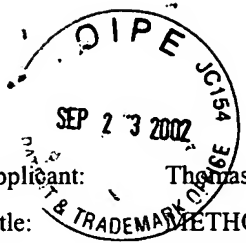
12/34. (New) The integrated circuit of claim 32, wherein the inner plug is formed from conductive material.

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